

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 14-15, 2007

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Action Item

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Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION AMENDMENT
APPROVAL**
RESOLUTION TAA-07-06, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS TAA-06-15 AND TAA-06-60

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Resolution TAA-07-06, amending the applications for Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Projects #32.4 and #32.9 described below. The Department also recommends that the Commission approve the following condition on both projects: "The NCRA shall provide to the Department for approval the detailed scope of work prior to execution of a supplemental contract."

ISSUE:

The North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) is requesting to amend the applications for two TCRP projects.

For Project #32.4 – Upgrade rail line to Class II or III standards, NCRA is requesting to:

- Revise the scope.
- Redistribute a total of \$172,000 from Environmental (PA&ED) to Design (PS&E).
- Update the project funding plan.

For Project #32.9 – Long-term stabilization, NCRA is requesting to:

- Revise the scope.
- Update the plan for the use of Federal funds.

BACKGROUND:

Project #32.4 is to upgrade the rail line to Class II or III standards. This includes debris removal, scour repair, levee/roadbed repairs, culvert repairs and vegetation control.

The NCRA proposes to revise the project scope to include the following:

- Construction of embankment/levy repairs at the Fields Landing/King Salmon site;
- Flood debris removal at Robinson Creek and Shultz Slough;

- Initial reconnaissance to identify areas where scour is likely to be an issue;
- Levee/roadbed repairs at Schultz Slough, San Antonio Creek, Schellville and Fields Landing;
- Characterization of culvert repair at the Schellville site; and
- A technical report regarding vegetation control will be filed with the California Regional Water Control Board containing a proposed project description, best management practices and a monitoring and reporting program (phase 1).

During the field investigations, the magnitude of certain projects was found to be significantly greater than estimated. As a result, NCRA is narrowing the scope to reflect better defined projects that can be completed within the available budget.

NCRA is proposing to redistribute \$172,000 from PA&ED to PS&E. Fewer dollars are needed for PA&ED due to a decrease in the budgeted cost for scour and roadbed repair environmental clearance and reduced costs for permits. The transfer of funds to PS&E is needed to cover increased costs for the identified sites. The project funding plan is being revised to reflect the proposed redistribution of funds.

Project #32.9 is to replace ties, repair roadbed, repair structures, improve drainage, and improve crossing protection to permit operation of Federal Rail Administration Class II and, where possible, Class III service. The project will also provide landslide stabilization where required. The TCRP funds available for this project will primarily cover the first phase of reopening the Russian River Division from Lombard to Windsor, and preparing an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for work in the canyon. The remaining TCRP funds, and funds from additional sources, will be used for improvements to reopen the rest of the line.

NCRA is requesting to change the scope for the Russian River Division Phase 1 reopening to delete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation, since only California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation will be done to address cumulative effects of operations.

NCRA also will move the federal funding from the rehabilitation program for the Russian River Division Phase 2, and will instead designate it for future activities after discussions with Federal Highways Administration and the Department are underway.

Concurrent allocation requests for both projects are under Reference 2.6e.(2), and a concurrent allocation amendment for Project #32.4 is under Reference 2.6e.(4).

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission hereby revises TCRP Projects #32.4 and #32.9 as follows.

Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
multiple	1	32.4	\$ 5,000										
Completion (FY)		Phase 1	06/07						Phase 3	N.A			
		Phase 2	06/07						Phase 4	07/08			
Lead Agency:	North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA)												
Implementing:	NCRA												
Description:	Upgrade rail line to Class II or III standards.												
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	Beyond	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
TCRP													
Existing	5,000	751	4,249						4,249	490	261		
Change	0									(172)	172		
Propose	5,000	751	4,249						4,249	318	433		
Total													
Existing	5,000	751	4,249						4,249	490	261		
Change	0	0	0						0	(172)	172		
Propose	5,000	751	4,249						4,249	318	433		

And Revises:

County	District	BREF	TCRP										
multiple	1	32.9	\$ 31,000										
Completion (FY)		Phase 1	09/10						Phase 3	N/A			
		Phase 2	09/10						Phase 4	11/12			
Lead Agency:		North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA)											
Implementing:		NCRA											
Description:		Long-term stabilization											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	Beyond	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
TCRP													
Existing	31,000		31,000						23,138	5,429	2,433		
Change	0												
Propose	31,000		31,000						23,138	5,429	2,433		
TCRP Projects 32.3, 32.4 and 32.7													
Existing	7,300		7,300						6,049	990	261		
Change	0												
Propose	7,300		7,300						6,049	990	261		
Federal Demonstration Funds													
Existing	8,600		8,600						8,600				
Change	0												
Propose	8,600		8,600						8,600				
FEMA 1203-DR-CA													
Existing	695		695						695				
Change	0												
Propose	695		695						695				
Local Measure M													
Existing	3,000		3,000						3,000				
Change	0												
Propose	3,000		3,000						3,000				
Private Operator - Committed													
Existing	100		100							100			
Change	0												
Propose	100		100							100			
Private Operator - Proposed													
Existing	50,106		50,106						44,832	928	4,346		
Change	0												
Propose	50,106		50,106						44,832	928	4,346		
Future Funding Need													
Existing	49,823		49,823						43,998	2,719	3,106		
Change	0												
Propose	49,823		49,823						43,998	2,719	3,106		
Total													
Existing	150,624		150,624						130,312	10,166	10,146		
Change	0		0						0	0	0		
Propose	150,624		150,624						130,312	10,166	10,146		

TCRP AMENDMENT TAA-07-06Location Map

Description:

#32.4 – North Coast Railroad; Sub-paragraph (d) upgrade rail line to Class II or III standards.

#32.9 – North Coast Railroad; Sub-paragraph (i) long-term stabilization.

